









## TOWN TALK.

They are the abstract and brief chronicles of the town. Editor, Art H. Koon.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20th, 1892.

## SUNDAY SERVICES.

October 21st, 1892.

## CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

REV. R. C. STEVENSON, RECTOR.

Kola, 11 A. M.

Elkhorn, 4 P. M.

McGregor's School house, 7:30 P. M.

## PRESBYTERIAN.

REV. W. PENMAN, MINISTER.

Two Creeks, 11 A. M.

Hargrave, 4 P. M.

Elkhorn, 7:30 P. M.

## METHODIST.

REV. T. M. TALBOT, MINISTER.

Elkhorn, 11 A. M.

Mosell, 3 P. M.

Woodville, 7:30 P. M.

We regret to hear of the illness of Mr. A. E. Wilson.

Mr. Cavanagh is putting up a slaughter house on his farm.

Groceries are way down low at R. M. Coombe &amp; Co's.

Mr. Hill's house was burned down on Friday by a prairie fire.

On account of the wet weather Rev. R. C. Stevenson did not take his outside appointment on Sunday last.

Our local blacksmith, Mr. J. Taggart, is building a kitchen to the new house he had built on his lot in the spring.

Mr. J. H. August has bought the old school house which he is going to fit up as a residence.

Dress Goods entirely new and novel at R. M. Coombe &amp; Co's.

There is some talk of getting up fortnightly assemblies this winter, but as yet no arrangements have been completed.

These rainy days make you feel cold. Come over and see us, we will give you a new suit of heavy underwear from \$7.00 up. R. M. Coombe &amp; Co.

Mrs. E. F. Wilson and the two Misses Wilson arrived on Friday morning and are staying at the Indian House, Mr. A. E. Wilson returned from Winnipeg by the same train, bringing several new pupils with him.

The idea that there is nothing new under the sun is an exploded idea, because of the new prices of the new goods now being piled up on R. M. Coombe &amp; Co's counters.

The station is being beautified by a fresh coat of paint. A gang of men arrived on Saturday, who have since been kalsomining the inside and painting the outside walls. Though the color is somewhat of a brilliant hue, it will make a vast improvement to the look of the town.

We are happy to state that Mrs. Bradford is again able to get around, and contemplates leaving for the old country in a few days, where she intends spending the winter, and hopes to return strong and robust in the spring, in which hope her friends join.

Our Grandmothers wore homespun dresses in ye olden times. We can supply you with the nicest lot of dress goods at such rock bottom prices that knock granny's boasted homespun higher than a kite. R. M. Coombe &amp; Co.

From the Parish and Home: A copy of the first issue of the Elkhorn Advocate has just been handed us. In it we find many readable and very interesting items. We wish the editor every success in this undertaking, and trust that he will ever keep in view the fact that the ADVOCATE may be a mighty power for good in this district, if thoughtfully and wisely edited, and on the other hand if this fact is lost sight of, it may be a great power for evil.

Everything was running neat. Still I thought it would buy some wheat. On the market took his stand with the elevator band. Bought a load and took it in. tried to fill the shipping bin. Quite forgot to close the slide, so the grain all ran out. Donaldson came from the street. "Where the mischief is that wheat? Slowly the pigs were on the track, now they all look sleek and fat. (Moral)—Keep away from farmers' tips—Bettler say and mind the pigs.

The meeting of supporters of the curling club on Friday evening, was not very well attended, partly, no doubt, on account of the very wet and dark night. Mr. Cushman presented a good list of subscribers names, and after the matter had been fully discussed, it was agreed that the membership was already large enough to warrant the club closing finally with Mr. Broadley for the rest of the rink. It is, therefore, the intention of Mr. Broadley to erect the building as soon as he can.

Sports could break up small under the influence of the weather. Break up the influence of the weather by wearing one of the new fur coats in Ladies and Gents goods, kept by Robt M. Coombe &amp; Co.

Our public and private buildings have during the last few days been put to a severe test, for if any of them did not leak or are not wet inside from the rain, they may safely be credited as good houses. Water is most abundant these days, pressed down, running over. On Railway Avenue there is quite a large lake, and traffic along there without wet boots is unpleasant. If the need of sidewalks was felt it must be by those unfortunate pedestrians who have the misfortune to live on Railway Avenue.

The R. T. of T's meeting on Tuesday evening was postponed until next week.

Stationery is always new and moving at R. M. Coombe &amp; Co's.

The Municipal Council had their photograph taken in a group on Saturday.

Breads and Shakes entirely new stock at R. M. Coombe &amp; Co's.

We wish to express our sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. Wainwright in the loss of their youngest child.

Mr. W. J. Dixon has made arrangements to send his barber up to Fleming every Friday, for the "execution" of the "barberial art."

Flanels and Flannellettes of all kinds at R. M. Coombe &amp; Co's.

Some of our boys are wishing they had a few thousands of dollars to visit a better place out of this cold, snowy, rainy, windy weather, i. e. if they can find one.

The first snow usually does not last long, but it makes walking very bad. Get a pair of Coombe &amp; Co's new rubbers and you don't need to care.

Preparations are being made for a grand opening concert to be given in the new school house about the first of the month.

Suits and Clothing, big snags at R. M. Coombe &amp; Co's.

Messrs. Cushman and Angus have been around looking subscriptions for the removal and repairs of Mrs. Gordon's shanty as it obstructs the view of Mr. Kerahaw's saw stone house.

Down goes the thermometer, and keep in pace with the weather, you will find prices way down at zero in Furs and Underwear only at the big store of Coombe &amp; Co.

Notwithstanding the bad weather and almost impossible condition of streets, the British stage arrived all good and safe on Monday afternoon, although the stage driver got wetted through four coats and three shirts.

We regret to hear of the death of Mr. M. Madge's child from cholera infantum. The funeral took place at Kola on Tuesday, Rev. R. C. Stevenson officiating.

The old times are gone, and so art most of the old goods—we are now offering our new lines at unheard of prices. R. M. Coombe &amp; Co.

Sunday was the sacrament day at the Presbyterian church. A preparatory service was held by Rev. W. Penman on the Thursday evening previous which was ably attended.

Men's Fur Coats, Ladies' Astrakhan Jackets and Usters, Boys Overcoats and Fur Caps and Mitts to fit everybody can be bought cheap at R. M. Coombe &amp; Co's.

A meeting will be held on Monday night Oct. 25th, at 7:30 o'clock, in Broadley's Hall, to consider the advisability of appointing a Director of the Farmers' and Provisional Loan Company. All farmers and business men are invited to attend.

The Lake of the Woods elevator has just been undergoing repairs. Owing to negligence or laziness of the builders several beams at the south east corner had been left unnailed and became loose. It was a very difficult job, but the indomitable Jack succeeded in fixing it up all right.

One of the heaviest snow and rain storms that we have had has been raging here for the last few days. The streets are almost impassable, and all out-door work has been suspended. This makes it bad all round, as there are several build ings unfinished and it has been a race for some time between the workmen and the summer, to see which would be finished first.

The grain trade seems to hang fire. Very little grain is being marketed, and what little of it that comes in is being monopolized by the milling companies.

The agitated condition of the market has about settled down again to its normal condition, and from 50c. per bush last week, it is now about 53c. again. As yet very little No. 1 hard wheat has been marketed, so far having chiefly graded No. 2.

We hear that Mr. George Rogers lost his dog the other day, and offered \$3.00 to whoever would find it. This set a number of the boys on the hunt, and it is said that after a long search he was found tied to Mutton's sausage machine!

Mr. Van, who found him, says that he seemed loath to leave the shop, although, had he seen the owner of the machine preparing for operations he would have been thankful for his delivery and freed him. We have not heard that the reward was paid.

Speaking of dogs, we took a run into the country the other day on our bicycle, and on the way home a small speck of men of a sky terrier made a dash at the wheel, bent on tasting the tire. The beast, however, miscalculated our speed, and a slight jolt, as the wheel passed over him, accompanied by a unearthly yelp, was all the rest he recovered himself, and the last seen of him as the wheel sped on, he was pondering over the latest earthquake, as he sat in a cloud of dust watching the retreating wheel.

The foundations and cellar of the Methodist church are dry, and are now awaiting the disappearance of the floods, and the appearance of the carpenters. Some delay has been caused in regard to the money loan, but as this now all right the building is being put right away and work will be pushed as rapidly as possible. It is to be regretted however, that the building of the church has been left till so late in the season, as it is feared the contractor cannot complete his contract early enough to get it ready this fall for use.

## PULPIT POINTERS AND PIOUS PHRASES PIQUANTLY PUT.

A word fifty spoken in full scope of gold in pictures of silver. Prov. 25 11.

In the house of God by the footsteps of penitence to salvation that before. 1 Cor. 1 21.

METHODIST MELODIES.

It was my good fortune to listen to an excellent and well-instructed sermon on Sunday evening last, showing the true phase of religion as living, working, doing, and not narrowed down to dogmas, creeds or ceremonies. The text was taken from Micah, VI. 3. "Do justly, love kindly, and walk humbly before the Lord." During the sermon the following pointers were selected:—

Sin always comes from selfishness.

All that God asks any one to do is to "love mercy, do justly, and walk humbly before Him."

The only sins we are not forgiven of God are those sins we don't confess.

The Jewish ceremonies were only object lessons to teach them love, righteousness and purity.

Baptism and Sacrament are non-essential and only object lessons. Does not make a bit of difference the way it is applied.

In regard to Baptism the Methodists are as far wrong in insisting that sprinkling is sufficient as the Baptists are in claiming that immersion is only right.

The essence of pure religion is nothing but a fulfillment of the text.

Log Shanty Farm, Wallace Cross Roads, Oct. 19, 1892.

DEAR ADVOCATE,

In the classical language of my forefathers, I give you a "Mille Falther" and in the vernacular of the country, hope you have "come to stay" and that the ADVOCATE while representing our district will be a power for good and a terror to evil doers. Your cleanly printed, neat, new and bright paper is a credit to yourself and all honor to Elkhorn, and will no doubt receive the cordial support it deserves. If an occasional string of gossip from this unromantic quarter will be of any interest it will surely be forth coming; for though I don't very often write to Elkhorn or Virden, my unparalleled residence is located within easy hail of the roads leading to both of those enterprising centres, and being of a sociable nature, am favored with numerous calls from passers-by, and hear a good deal of what goes on in our own little world, and besides taking a weekly paper, which every man should do, I borrow liberally from my neighbors and so try and keep posted in the events of the outside world.

A propos of being sociable, I once heard of a fellow of a sociable man as being "one who, when he has ten minutes to spare goes and bothers some one who has not" and think it is nearly correct. The rumor that Mr. T. M. Daly is likely to be appointed Minister of the Interior, will, I venture to predict, be received with very great satisfaction by all Manitobans, and especially by his constituents. While not an ardent supporter of that gentleman, I am free to assert that there is no other member from Manitoba so well qualified for the position or whose elevation to it would give such general satisfaction, and as for other available men in the House we want none of them. As a great deal of the work of that Department pertains to the great west, a western man should be at its head, and Provincial Loans Company. All farmers and business men are invited to attend.

What has become of the editorial writer of the "Advocate"? It is a pity to see that position of a paper to which we look for information, occupied for two weeks with an advertising puff.

There is a good joke going the rounds at Virden at the expense of a prominent supporter of the late member for Dennis. "Did you hear of the appointment of Mr. S. and S. has got as a reward for fidelity to his party?" "No what is it?" "Why, he has been appointed assistant hangman to the new Sheriff of Portage la Prairie."

This is an excellent opportunity for the promotion of the Virden Reading Room to push matters forward. Many young men would now be glad to take advantage of it, who before the fire might prefer to put their time in "littering around" and when once they realize the moral difference, will become active supporters and add great strength to it.

I was glad to see you so strongly endorse the Elkhorn Library, and hope your words will bear fruit. If more were gone towards providing some place to attract young men where their surroundings would lead them to their better nature, there would be less complaint about their congregating in hotels—which appear to be about the only places open to them. This is a subject on which the temperance societies might expend some of their surplus brain power.

From all reports St. Mark's Church, Elkhorn, must have been handsomely decorated for the Harvest Thanksgiving Services. Many have spoken highly of its appearance, and labor thus expended is never lost.

The reception by the popular pastor and his equally popular wife appears to have been quite the event of the season, and I will make it a point to attend should there be a repetition any time.

A rumor reaches me from Virden that that august body, the Council of Wallace, have been getting photographed! Oh, "Vanity of Vanities, all is Vanity."

I will keep my ears open Mr. Editor, and try next time to furnish more interesting gossip.

—VIRIDEN—

About three hundred invitations have been sent out for the annual ball of "I" Company, viz. Manitoba Light Infantry which will take place in the town hall Virden, on Tuesday evening, Oct. 25th. A large turnout and a good time is expected.

The Wallace Council met in the office of the Sec. Treas. on Saturday last.

The foundation for Messrs. Ramsay &amp; Casfield's new hotel building on the corner of Seventh Ave. and Wellington St., is nearing completion.

Mr. Neil Burdick, the humorous reciter is giving entertainments this week in Courts, Halls and Melts.

## ELKHORN MARKETS.

Potatoes are easy and deliveries are being made at 30c. per bush.

A slight demand for turnips, a good article brings 25c. per bag.

Cabbages are worth 60c. per doz.

Onions are worth \$1.25 per bush.

Butter improving in quality and is worth from 15 to 18c. per lb.

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